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## Briefs . . .

### Lease signing

All post residents need to sign a lease by Feb. 4. Lease signing events will be today from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club, and Friday and Feb. 4 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Roadrunner Community Center in training room 1. For more information, call the Residential Communities Initiative Office at 221-0948 or 221-0891.

### Speed limit change

The speed limit on Military Highway at Camp Bullis from the access control point to the main cantonment area has been changed to 30 mph. Police are patrolling the area to enforce the new speed limit.

### Traffic hazard

Drivers who use the George Beach/Binz Engleman Gate are avoiding a wait in line by entering the Averitt Express commercial site across from the gate. The drivers then turn around and use the traffic light to enter Brooke Army Medical Center. This creates a traffic and safety hazard and drivers are entering private property. San Antonio police officers will cite violators and the charge can be criminal trespass.

### Public hearing

Parents and community members are invited to a public hearing on the Fort Sam Houston ISD 2003-2004 annual performance report today at 11 a.m. at the Professional Development Center, 1908 Winans Road. Comments are invited.

### Technology Expo

The Fort Sam Houston Technology Expo will be today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Sam Houston Club, Bldg. 1395 (former NCO Club). More than 30 exhibitors will demonstrate the latest in computer hardware, software and information services. Some featured technologies are knowledge management solutions, data warehousing, network operations services, information assurance/security, mobile/wireless computing, collaboration tools and hardware/software. For more information or to request a specific company or technology, call Kathryn Stephenson at (888) 603-8899 or e-mail Stephenson@ncsi.com.

## On guard



Photo by Shadi May

Chenega officers, Juan Paredes and John Ramos, inspect a commercial vehicle entering the Jadwin Street gate. See related article on Page 16.

# U.S. Army Trauma Training Center earns DoD award

The Army Trauma Training Center in Miami has been selected as the 2005 recipient of the Department of Defense Patient Safety Award in the Team Training category.

The center falls under the Academy of Health Sciences at Fort Sam Houston.

The mission of the training center is to ensure clinical readiness for Army Forward Surgical Teams, which are mobile medical units that stabilize combat injuries on the front-line battlefield.

In 2004, ATTC retooled its program of instruction around the mission of helping Army trauma teams prepare for clinical deployment. The center used team development training from the TRI-CARE Management Activity Patient Safety Office to promote safe, effective combat casualty care.

"Teamwork keeps the focus on the wounded Soldier as the most important person in trauma care," said Lt. Col. John Armstrong, ATTC director. "Effective and safe care is not consistently provided on the back of a single individual, no matter how talented."

The ATTC faculty has developed a common language that captures this philosophy of teamwork. It is common to hear phrases like "time-out," "drive-on" or "hand-off" from team members during trauma resuscitation. Ten ATTC faculty members serve as teamwork coaches for each surgical team rotation under the motto, "Training teams to be a TEAM."

As a result of this trauma teamwork program of instruction, the ATTC was designated the DoD Center of Excellence in Combat Casualty Care Team Training in July 2004. To date, six Forward Surgical Teams and one Combat Support Hospital have been trained in this new program.

All teams take this "culture of safety" to the Global War on Terrorism; feedback from the field is summed up repeatedly in this way, "ATTC team training helped us save Soldiers' lives."

This selection validates the importance of teamwork training for the provision of safe and effective care to wounded soldiers, ATTC officials said.

(Source: ATTC news release)

# Fort Sam recognizes outstanding Soldiers

By Esther Garcia  
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Office

Fort Sam Houston honored its top Soldiers during a leadership call at Blesse Auditorium Jan. 20, to include the Fort Sam Houston Drill Sergeant of the Year, the Army Medical Department Center and School NCO and Soldier of the Year, and the Fort Sam Houston Soldier and NCO of the Year.

### Drill Sergeant of the Year

The Fort Sam Houston Drill Sergeant of the Year is Drill Sergeant Lloyd A. Mason. Mason competed with 11 other top drill sergeants from the 187th and 232nd Medical Battalions. Mason, assigned to D Company, 232nd Medical Battalion, will represent Fort Sam Houston at the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command competition to compete for the honor of top drill sergeant in the Army.

Maj. Gen. George Weightman, AMEDD Center and School and Fort Sam Houston commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy Burke, introduced Mason to key leaders and presented him with a coin of excellence.

### Installation NCO, Soldier of the Year

The Fort Sam Houston Installation NCO of the Year is Sgt. Jose Rocha, and Soldier of the Year is Spc. Niretty Velez. Rocha is

assigned to the 440th Blood Support Detachment, Special Troops Battalion. Velez is assigned to A Company, Brooke Army Medical Center.

"This is the first time ever a competition has been held between all major subordinate commands on the installation," said Burke. "This is the highest competition on Fort Sam Houston."

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# Scams target tsunami donors through e-mail, Internet

By Air Force Capt. Sondra Bell  
22nd Air Refueling Wing Legal Office

**MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE, Kan.** — The tsunamis that hit South Asia are being hailed as the worst natural disaster in this century.

With death tolls topping 200,000 and countless people injured, our brethren in Asia are in need of relief — shelter, food, clothing and other necessities. Americans opening their purse strings to support the effort should beware of crooks preying on well-intentioned donors. Crooks, posing as new-formed charities to help tsunami victims, are targeting potential donors by e-mail and the Internet.

Fraudulent e-mails seeking financial support for tsunami victims are surfacing in one of two forms. Individuals from phony, foreign organizations are sending e-mails seeking money to support relief efforts, and crooks are posing as victims' financial institutions seeking to collect donations for

relief efforts. In this form of identity theft, known as "phishing," hackers request victims' credit card numbers and other personal information.

Over the Internet, fraudulent charities are creating Web sites and selling items through online auctions, stating that proceeds will aid victims in Asia. Many inexpensive domain names are for sale online. It is easy for a scam artist to purchase a domain name and assume the role of a charity.

These newly created charities make it easy to give a donation. Visitors to fraudulent Web addresses are often asked to send care packages and money to addresses with the promise that the care packages will reach tsunami victims.

Adhering to the following guidelines will help ensure that donations go to help relief efforts.

— Ask for the name of the charity, and verify that charity officials authorized the solicitation. Find out more by contacting the Better Business Bureau.

— Be wary of newly created organizations. They do not

have a proven track record.

— Ask what percentage of the donation will directly aid tsunami victims.

— Do not give out financial information such as social security, credit card and bank account numbers.

— Do not give cash. For security and tax record purposes, it is best to pay by check made payable to the beneficiary, not the solicitor.

— Ask for a receipt showing the amount of the contribution and stating that it is tax-deductible.

— Find out more about fraudulent charity schemes online at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).

The federal government has taken measures to crack down on charity fraud since Sept. 11, 2001, passing the Patriot Act. But crooks are busy creating new, more advanced schemes to swindle well-intentioned donors. And while most charities do what they promise, using the guidelines outlined above will help ensure donations make it to those who need them.

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# 187th Med. Bn. prepares Soldiers for war

Story and photos by Pfc. Chris Smith  
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The 187th Medical Battalion put its B, C and E companies to the test during Common Task Training at Salado Creek Saturday.

The purpose of the training is to enhance a Soldier's ability to react to common situations during war. The training included how to handle nuclear, biological and chemical injury; check-point security; and reaction to improvised explosive devices.

"The training this weekend made me feel better about deployment because I feel more confident that I will know what to do when difficult situations reside in my presence," said Pfc. Ryan Davidson, C Company. "The seriousness and importance of being a warrior and member of a team while moving under direct fire was just an example of how important it is for us to do

whatever it takes to get the job done."

"The tasks today refreshed my infantry skills that I learned in basic training," said Pfc. Manuel Martinez from E Company. "Every time we practice this, it instills more into my brain so it becomes second nature during a situation, so I react accordingly, quickly and accurately."

CTT events were initially taught in Basic Combat Training. For some Soldiers, CTT is just a reminder of what they learned in BCT. For others, it was an eye opener for what is to come in the near future.

"It's just the fact that everything that we are being taught, such as the three-to-five-second buddy rush and how to don your gas mask, is just teaching us how to survive in Iraq," said Pvt. Devon Nero from C Company.

Overall, classmates agreed the CTT, given by class drill sergeants and prior service members, was a great success and served its purpose well.



(Above) A 187th Medical Battalion Soldier sets up a tactical perimeter.



Knowledge of medical skills and casualty treatment are incorporated into all field training scenarios.



(Left) Soldiers learn how to decontaminate themselves and use proper protective equipment in a chemical environment during common task training Saturday at Salado Creek.

## Minor problems cause big hassle with tax returns

By Capt. John Gerhard  
Tax Assistance Center officer

The 2005 tax season kicked off last week with the grand opening of the Fort Sam Houston Tax Assistance Center.

While thousands of taxpayers across the country have begun filing their tax returns electronically, some of these returns have been rejected due to some minor, avoidable mistakes. This article seeks to provide you with some guidance on how to avoid these problems and better assist the tax preparers at the Tax Assistance Centers.

### Keep names straight

During the first week of tax season, the most frequent cause for rejected tax returns has been a mismatching of Social Security numbers and names on tax returns. A common reason for this problem is a last name change after marriage. While you or your spouse's last name is legally changed on the marriage certificate, it must also be changed with the Social Security Administration. If it is not, the last name remains the same on the Social Security Administration's master file.

The IRS receives a copy of the names and Social Security numbers on the master file, and if the name and number on your tax return does not match the name and number on the master file, the tax return is rejected. This problem also occurs to a lesser extent with the names and Social Security numbers of dependents claimed on the tax return. For example, if a child's

name is changed as a result of a divorce or adoption, the Social Security Administration must be notified. Again, if the names and numbers do not match the master file provided to the IRS, the return will be rejected. To avoid this problem, the tax center requires you to provide the tax preparer with either the original or a copy of the Social Security cards for yourself, your spouse and all dependents claimed on your tax return.

### Patience is a virtue

Another problem causing tax returns to be rejected or adjusted by the IRS is that many taxpayers seek to prematurely file their tax returns. Businesses, financial institutions and educational institutions have until Monday to send out tax information. While the military has issued W-2s for service members, many banks and schools will take until the end of the month to send out their tax statements.

In addition to sending the tax statements to the taxpayer, these institutions are required to send a copy to the IRS to compare with what the taxpayer reported on his or her return. Rather than waiting to receive these important tax documents, many taxpayers will call their banks or use "End-of-Year" statements to get information for reporting on their tax returns. While this practice is allowed, the numbers that the taxpayer provides often do not match the official numbers reported to the IRS. While it may take the IRS until October to compare these two sets of numbers, if they do not match, the IRS will adjust the taxpayer's return and send

a bill for any deficiencies and potentially a penalty for misreporting information.

More often than not, by October or November, the refund that the taxpayer received earlier in the year has already been spent, which can mean more trouble with the IRS if the bill is not paid. The easiest solution to this string of problems is to wait a little longer for your official tax documents to arrive so you can report the same numbers that are reported to the IRS. Then, you can spend your refund without worrying that the IRS is going to take some or all of it back at the end of the year.

Improperly claiming the dependent exemption for a child of divorced or separated parents can create another problem. Only one taxpayer can claim a given dependent on his or her tax return. In other words, in the case of divorced parents, both parents cannot claim the same child for dependent exemption purposes. However, the same child may qualify both parents for head of household status if the other requirements are satisfied.

As for the dependent exemption, the parent with the longest period of child custody may generally claim the exemption for that child unless the divorce decree or separation order provides otherwise. Alternatively, the parents may resolve the issue themselves if the custodial parent releases his or her claim to the exemption by signing IRS Form 8332, Release of Claim to Exemption for Child of Divorced or Separated Parents, and giving it to the non-custodial parent. In either case, the parent with the right to

claim the child's exemption must bring in a copy of the divorce decree or separation order or a signed Form 8332 to be sent to the IRS.

### Don't leave home without it

Finally, there are some administrative matters that would help your tax preparation run more smoothly. Be sure to bring in copies of all your tax statements (W-2s, 1099s, 1098s, etc.). The IRS requires the tax center to maintain copies of W-2s and 1099s for its records, and limited resources prevent the center from printing or making copies.

Additionally, it is generally helpful to the tax preparer if you can provide him or her with a copy of your prior year's tax return for comparison and general review. Also, as described above, you must bring in copies of Social Security cards for yourself, your spouse and all dependents. Finally, if you are filing a joint tax return, it will not be filed with the IRS unless your spouse is present to review and sign the return or you have a power of attorney authorizing you to handle your spouse's tax matters.

Fort Sam Houston Tax Assistance Center is located at the Officers' Club, 407 Dickman Road. There is also a satellite location at Brooke Army Medical Center on the fifth floor in Room 546-1. To make an appointment at either location, stop by or call 295-1040 or just walk-in. The main tax center is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the BAMC tax center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# BAMC honors OIF Soldiers with Purple Hearts

By Norma Guerra  
Brooke Army Medical Center Public Affairs

Two injured Soldiers were honored Friday at Brooke Army Medical Center for wounds they received while supporting the Global War on Terrorism.

Col. Carlos E. Angueira, deputy chief for clinical services, presented Purple Hearts to two C Company, 503rd Infantry Soldiers at a formal ceremony attended by fellow service members, staff and guests.

Pfc. Erik D. Johnson and Pfc. David Gajewski were both injured Nov. 6 by a vehicle bearing an improvised explosive device in Al Ramadi, Iraq.

Johnson sustained second and third degree burns to the face and hands and Gajewski sustained second and third

degree burns to both hands.

Gen. Richard Cody, Army's vice chief of staff, recently recognized BAMC for its unique Purple Heart ceremonies made special for each recipient.

"Brig. Gen. (C. William) Fox has set out to accomplish three things with the Purple Heart ceremonies," said Angueira. "To recognize our wounded Soldiers, their families, and the staff that cares for all of them."

Angueira told the two honored Soldiers that even though their families could not be with them today, they still had family here with them — their "Army Family."

Also in attendance at the ceremony were several members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, to include Navy service member Buster Bradshaw, who has been a member since Sept. 18, 1944.



Pfc. Erik Johnson (left) and Pfc. David Gajewski received Purple Hearts Friday at Brooke Army Medical Center for burn injuries sustained in Al Ramadi, Iraq.

Photo by Kelly Schaefer

## Outstanding

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Rocha and Velez will represent Fort Sam Houston as Military Ambassadors at functions during 2005 Fiesta in San Antonio and throughout the year at various activities in San Antonio and surrounding communities.

### AMEDDC&S NCO, Soldier of the Year

The AMEDDC&S NCO of the Year is Sgt. 1st Class Bobby Mack and Soldier of the Year is Spc. Tara McGinnis. McGinnis is assigned to E Company, Academy Battalion, and Mack is assigned to the NCO Academy.

During competitions for the Soldier and NCO of the Year, candidates proved their mettle during rigorous competition. Competitive events included the Army physical fitness test, weapons qualification, hands-on testing, written examination, essay and an oral board conducted by sergeants major from across the installation.

Weightman and Burke presented each Soldier with the Army Commendation Medal.

In addition, each Soldier was presented with gifts and savings bonds from organizations in the community such as Kim's Alterations and Cleaning, Chaney Financial Services, Eisenhower Bank, GEICO, Association of the U.S. Army, Army Air Force Exchange Service, San Antonio Federal Credit Union, USAA Military Affairs and First Command Financial Planning. The Directorate Morale Welfare and Recreation presented coupons for various activities on the post and a mess dress uniform for the installation NCO and Soldier of the Year.

Additionally, Weightman made a special presentation to Maj. Joseph Weaver, 32nd Medical Brigade, with a Certificate of Appreciation for his role in coordinating Operation Exodus, supporting the departure of more than 3,000 initial entry Soldiers who went home for the holidays.



Photos by Douglas Meyer

Installation NCO of the Year, Sgt. Jose Rocha, and Soldier of the Year, Spc. Niretzky Velez, are presented with a sash designating them as Fort Sam Houston Military Ambassadors. They will represent the post at various functions during Fiesta and throughout the year in San Antonio and surrounding communities.



(Above) Maj. Gen. George W. Weightman, Army Medical Department Center and School commander, presents the Army Commendation Medal to AMEDDC&S NCO of the Year, Sgt. 1st Class Bobby Mack, and Soldier of the Year, Spc. Tara McGinnis.



(Right) Maj. Joseph Weaver is presented with a certificate of achievement for his outstanding coordination of Operation Exodus, supporting the departure of more than 3,000 initial entry students who went home for the holidays.



AMEDDC&S Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy Burke congratulates the Drill Sergeant of the Year, Sgt. 1st Class Lloyd Mason.



Photo by Capt. James Jones

Officer Basic Course students learn how to protect themselves from a nuclear, biological or chemical attack during a field training exercise.

## OBC students overcome challenges at training exercise

By 2nd Lt. Erin Thomas  
A Company, 187th Medical Battalion

The Army Reserve Officer Basic Course class 05-02 recently completed the four-day field training exercise portion of their program.

The training was a first for many of the OBC students. The training taught students how to perform day and night land navigation; shoot an M9; disassemble, reassemble and perform a functions check on the M9 and the M16; triage casualties; and load and unload patients from ambulances. The students were also taught how to protect themselves from a nuclear, biological or chemical attack, and were exposed to a nerve agent in the gas chamber

Capt. Nancy Taft said she found the FTX both challenging and rewarding. Her only source of apprehension was the chamber.

“As I waited in line to enter the gas chamber, I felt like a lamb being led to the slaughter,” Taft said.

In retrospect, however, the gas chamber, “was not that bad,” she said. She added that she felt more confident in her ability to react appropriately if faced with a similar situation.

Second Lt. Erika Schmidt said she most enjoyed the freedom and challenges of land navigation, and found the night portion of land navigation to be a true test of her skill.

“It was very dark out and I found the night course to be much more difficult,” Schmidt said. “After searching for my points for a couple of hours, I was very relieved to see the light of camp beckoning me back.”

Although the students enjoyed their FTX experience, they agreed that they were glad to get a hot shower and a good meal.

## Antiterrorism Awareness: How to shelter-in-place in vehicles

(Editor's note: This is the last in a series of articles about shelter-in-place.)

### What shelter-in-place means

One of the instructions you may be given in an emergency where hazardous materials may have been released into the atmosphere is to shelter-in-place. This is a precaution aimed to keep you safe while remaining indoors. Shelter-in-place means selecting a small, interior room, with no or few windows, and taking refuge there. It does not mean sealing off your entire home or office building. If you are told to shelter-in-place, follow the instructions provided below.

### Why would you need to shelter-in-place?

Chemical, biological or radiological contaminants may be released accidentally or intentionally into the environment. Should this occur, information will be provided by local authorities on TV and radio stations on how to protect yourself and your family. Information will most likely be provided on television and radio, so it is important to keep a television or radio on, even during the workday. The important thing is for you to follow instructions of local authorities and know what to do if they advise you to shelter-in-place.

### How to shelter-in-place in a vehicle

If you are driving a vehicle and hear advice to shelter-in-place on the radio, take these steps:

- If you are very close to home, your office, or a public building, go there immediately and get inside.
- If you are unable to get to a home or building quickly and safely, then pull over to the side of the road. Stop your vehicle in the safest place possible. If it is sunny outside, it is preferable to stop under a bridge or in a shady spot to avoid overheating.
- Turn off the engine.
- Close windows and vents.
- If possible, seal the heating and air conditioning vents with duct tape.
- Listen to the radio regularly for updated advice and instructions.
- Stay where you are until you are told it is safe to get back on the road.

Be aware that some roads may be closed or traffic detoured. Follow the directions of law enforcement officials.

Local officials on the scene are the best source of information for your particular situation. You should follow their instructions during and after emergencies regarding shelter, food, water and clean-up methods.

For more information, call Terri Stover, Fort Sam Houston Antiterrorism Office, at 295-0535. (Source: American Red Cross)

## Better late than never

# Older enlistee trades in civilian life

By Elaine Aviles  
Fort Sam Houston News Leader

Michael Crosby was having a midlife crisis. But unlike the stereotypical fast cars and faster women; the 51-year-old chose a somewhat uncommon expression of his dissatisfaction – he joined the Army.

It was a decision that raised more than a few eyebrows among his family and friends.

“They thought I was going off the deep end,” he said. “But I’m not one to follow the norm.”

Crosby never has been. His life has been a hodge podge of jobs and hobbies – trumpet player, helicopter mechanic, skydiver and ambulance driver to name a few. The soft-spoken specialist said he has had a life-long love affair with knowledge and adventure.

The evidence of that is sitting in the basement of his Columbus, Ohio, home, where a flight simulator he designed and constructed waits for his return.

But why, when most of his peers are looking ahead to lazy days on the front porch, would a 50-something bus driver enlist in the Army?

“I felt I had unfinished business,” he said. “Deep in my heart I wasn’t satisfied.”

Crosby’s “unfinished business” dates back to the 70s, when he first joined the Army. He did a stint as an OH-58 helicopter mechanic, then scored a spot as a trumpet player and brass generalist for the Army band at Fort Benning, Ga.

He traded in active duty for the Guard in 1979, where he became a jack-of-all-trades – medical specialist in the Ohio Air National Guard, helicopter mechanic and aviation life support equipment specialist. He left the Guard in 1991 and became a bus driver for the mentally challenged in Franklin County, Ohio.

“I slumbered for 13 years,” Crosby

said. “But one day I woke up; it was a Rip Van Winkle experience.”

He has his son, Aaron, to thank for his “reawakening.”

Crosby came home from work one day and found an Army recruiter in his living room talking to his 19-year-old son about the Reserves.

“I had no idea he was even considering joining the Army, but I was pleased,” he said. “I always missed the military in some shape or form.”

This desire was fueled by Sept. 11. “It changed my head,” he said. “Otherwise, it would have been life as usual.”

So, when he saw the recruiter he got an idea.

“What about taking a 50 year old?” he asked. Crosby figured the recruiter would send him, as he puts it, “back to my rocking chair.”

But he didn’t. The recruiter asked about Crosby’s previous service and age, and said he was eligible.

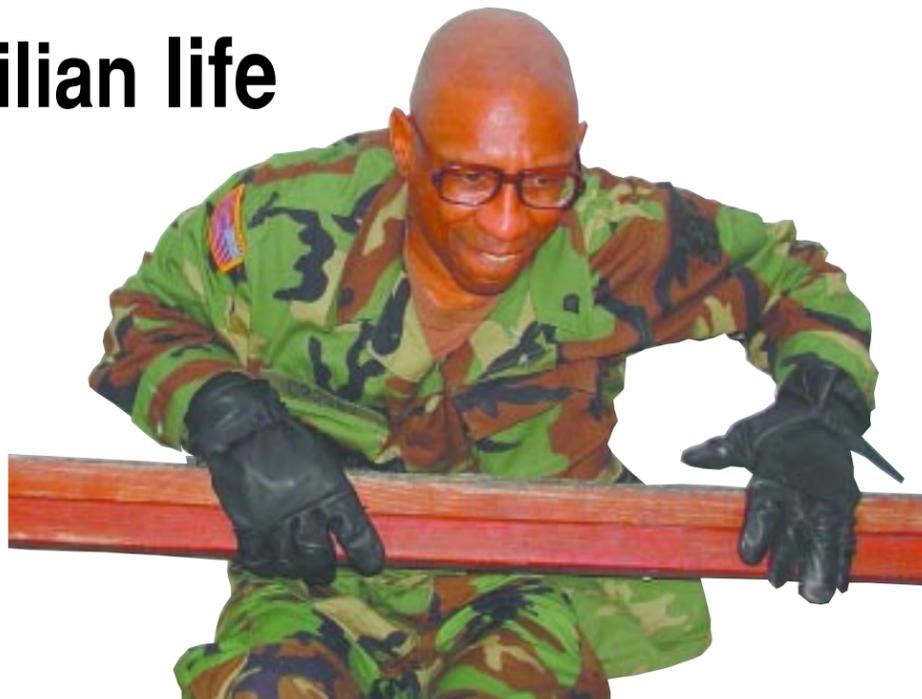
Crosby and Aaron were sworn into the Army side by side in June 2003.

Aaron went off to basic training, and Crosby, due to his history, bypassed basic and left for the 91W Combat Medic Training Course here in November 2004.

Expecting the Army of the past, Crosby, now a specialist, was in for the shock of his lifetime.

“I expected to walk in, report and go about my business,” he said. “That definitely wasn’t the case. I got here and faced wall-to-wall drill sergeants. I thought, ‘What did I do?’”

Crosby now wakes up at the crack of dawn and reports for physical training followed by a full day of classes, evening training and intense bouts of studying, — and that’s just the first six weeks. For the remaining 10, students head out to the



field or simulated combat environment to practice their medical tasks at combat speed, said Capt. John Halak, F Company commander. The class’ final exam is a seven-day field training exercise.

“It’s physically challenging,” Crosby said. “Warfare is definitely a young man’s sport. I vacillate between thinking this is a great adventure and ‘what on earth did I do.’”

Despite his misgivings, Crosby’s classmates and leaders said he is holding his own.

“He’s doing very well,” said 1st Lt. James Silverstrim, F Company executive officer. “The work is more about motivation. Slightly older students do well. They’re mature and adjust to stresses better.”

Crosby said he is easily able to pass his physical requirements. The greater challenge for him is his age. Crosby is surrounded by cocky teens, fresh from their high school proms.

“It’s strange to know I’m the oldest by far,” Crosby said. “I have no peers. Even the instructors are younger than I am.”

Most Soldiers are retired before they even

reach Crosby’s age. According to the Soldiers Almanac 2005, the average age for an officer retiree is 46 and for an enlisted, 42.

As a result, Crosby has assumed the role of “dad.”

“I enjoy having someone his age around,” said 19-year-old Nicholas Coker, one of Crosby’s classmates. “He’s someone I can talk to and he gets us on the right track. When one of us has questions, we go to Crosby.”

In turn, Crosby looks within for strength. He said he’ll need it for the upcoming months. He graduates combat medic training in March and hopes to continue on to earn his LPN. He’ll then head back to Ohio to serve in his Reserve unit, the 629th Forward Surgical Team in Black Lick. His son, also a Reservist, will be in an office across the hall.

As for his future, Crosby hits 20 years next year, but has no plans to walk away again.

“I’ll stay as long as the Army will have me,” he said. “My friends still tease me about my ‘midlife crisis’ but I wouldn’t have it any other way.”

## Recognition

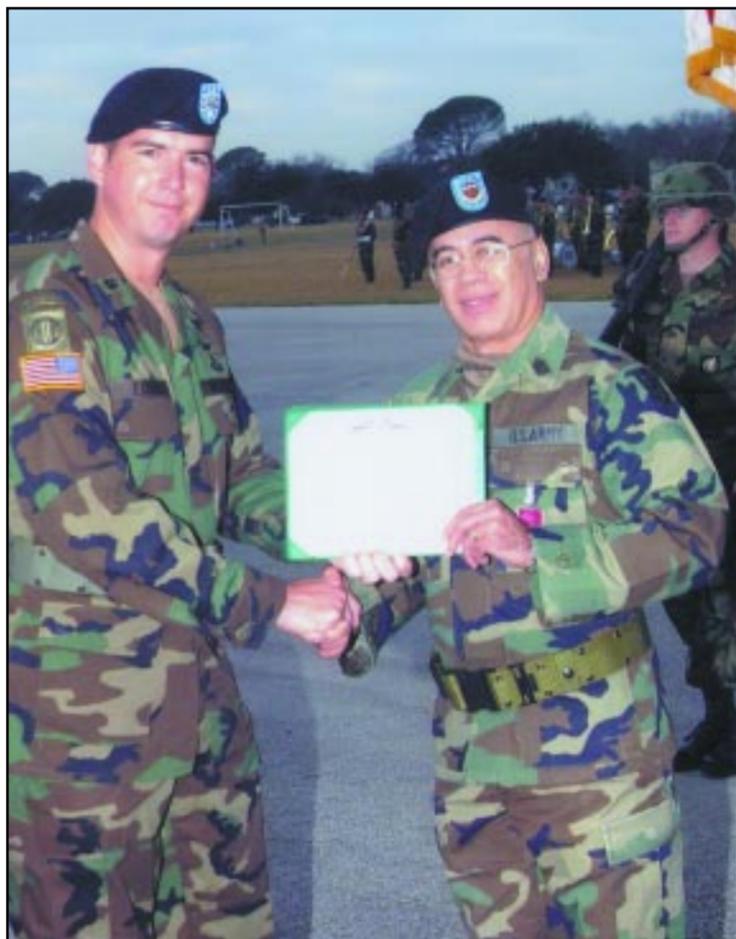


Photo by Ed Dixon

Lt. Col. Erin Edgar, Academy Battalion, 32nd Medical Brigade commander, presents Command Sgt. Maj. Jose De Robles the Legion of Merit award recognizing his service to the Army culminating as the Academy Battalion senior enlisted Soldier. Prior to the Academy Battalion, De Robles served as the command sergeant major of the 16th Medical Logistics Battalion and chief clinical NCO at William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso, Texas, De Robles transferred responsibility as the battalion senior NCO to 1st Sgt. Roy Velez, who previously served as the first sergeant for C Company, Academy Battalion. Master Sgt. William Torres served as the commander of troops for the ceremonies.

## Family Readiness Group offers support

Story and photos by Esther Garcia  
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Office

The 228th Combat Support Hospital Family Readiness Group met for the first time in January.

The 228th CSH, with 150 people from Brooke Army Medical Center, mobilized Dec. 26 for deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Carol McGilvray, unit family readiness coordinator, organizes a monthly meeting for family members, or more frequently if needed, to discuss any issues that might arise while their spouses are deployed. The family readiness group offers support in areas such as finances, unit information, communications venues such as video teleconferencing and e-mail opportunities, emergency notification through the Rear Detachment Headquarters and mailing packages and letters. The group also gets together for various social events.



(Above) Members of the 228th Combat Support Hospital mobilize at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center Dec. 26 for deployment to Iraq.



(Left) Carol McGilvray discusses upcoming activities for the 228th Combat Support Hospital Family Readiness Group with Claudia Mendoza and Jay Schwartz, whose spouses are deployed to Iraq.

## Movin' on up



Photo by Shadi May

Eight enlisted Soldiers were commissioned to second lieutenants Friday through the Army Medical Department Center and School Enlisted Commissioning Program. The Soldiers received their baccalaureate degree in nursing and will become part of the Army Nurse Corps. (From left) 2nd Lts. Trena Buggs, Norisha Jordan and Doris Dualan; Col. Bradley Freeman, 32nd Medical Brigade commander; Col. Barbara Bruno, deputy chief Army Nurse Corps; 2nd Lts. Alex Reyes, Randy Rau, Julie Wallace, Elizabeth Brown and Nicole Peck. Soldiers interested in this program can call Capt. Carolyn Carden, AMEDD Center and School student detachment commander at 221-3047.

### It's Not Easy Being Green Conference 2005

#### *A Celebration of Military Life*

**Feb. 25 and 26**  
**Dodd Field Chapel**  
**Fort Sam Houston**



The purpose of this conference is to uplift, enlighten, motivate and strengthen our lives in the military as men, women, husbands, wives, fathers, mothers and invaluable contributors to the community.

Don't miss this opportunity to recharge your battery for all the hats that we wear in the military community. It's all about you! You deserve to attend!

Free childcare available on a first-come first-served basis. Register today.

Registration forms are available at ACS, FSH Library, NCO Club, BAMC Medical Mall information desk, OCSC February Luncheon, Jimmy Brought Fitness Center and CYS Central Registration. Registration due by February 11, 2005.

***Our sponsors:***

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For more information, call Judith Markelz 655-0238 or Kim Taylor 566-6526.



### 2005 Brown Bag Series Calendar

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| Wednesday<br>11:30 a.m. | Glennis Ribblett<br>Individuals with Disability<br>Program Manager<br>Topic: Alamo Federal Executive Board<br>Leadership/Presidential Management<br>Fellows Program |
| March 2<br>11:30 a.m.   | Arcy Longoria<br>President, FSH FEW Chapter<br>Topic: Federally Employed Women<br>Organization  |
| April 6<br>11:30 a.m.   | Angela Swain<br>Family Advocacy Victim Advocate<br>Topic: Creative Anger Management<br>Styles   |
| May 4<br>11:30 a.m.     | Rudy Garza<br>CPAC Personnelist<br>Topic: National Security Personnel<br>System   |

Sessions are at the San Antonio Credit Union Training Room. For more information, call 221-9401 or 221-9356 or e-mail Maria.preda@samhouston.army.mil. If reasonable accommodation is needed, call in advance to 221-9401.

# USO visits SFAC with special bears

Story and photos by Phil Reidinger  
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

A big bear and about 100 little bears visited the Soldier and Family Assistance Center with San Antonio United Services Organization director Ray Holmes during the evening of Jan. 20.

The staff of the Build-a-Bear Workshop delighted both Soldiers and their family members with special stuffed bears presented by their mascot Bearemy played by Amberlyn Hutchings.

Thursdays are special activities nights at SFAC, so members of the Brooke Army Medical Center Auxiliary served a complete lasagna dinner prior to the traditional bingo game.

Build-a-Bear Workshop store manager James Bell and staff members

Cora Rhines, Dana Moreland and Amberlyn Hutchings presented almost 100 bears to SFAC visitors.

"We had a great time and can't wait to visit with other patients and their family members," Bell said.

Cora Rhines explained the special significance of each bear. "Inside each bear is a heart that is placed there by one of our customers who donated the bear. Each heart gets a heart ceremony that conveys good wishes, love and lots of good thought," she said.

Holmes said the USO supports SFAC with donations to provide items the Soldiers request. Holmes said he is working with USO World Headquarters to bring celebrity entertainers to facilities which support medical treatment, rehabilitation and family member support such as BAMC and the SFAC.



Nikki Hendrickson and Kim Taylor, BAMC Auxiliary volunteers, serve a lasagna dinner to Soldiers and their family members at the Soldier and Family Assistance Center.



San Antonio United Services Organization director Ray Holmes introduces Cora Rhines, who is escorting Amberlyn Hutchings, as Bearemy, during a visit by members of the Build-a-Bear Workshop to the Soldier and Family Assistance Center.

## Holiday phone rates extended through Valentine's Day

**DALLAS, Texas** — The military exchange prepaid phone card rate reduction originally planned for the holidays through Jan. 5 has been extended through Valentine's Day for calls placed from deployed locations using 550 unit and 200 unit Military Exchange prepaid phone cards.

Deployed military personnel using 550 unit Military Exchange Prepaid phone cards from Army and Air Force Exchange Service phone centers throughout Iraq and Afghanistan have been connecting to friends and family back home at reduced rates since Nov. 24.

"Because AAFES understands the necessity for affordable communications between the front lines and the home front, we aggressively pursue ways to reduce prices with AT&T to secure a reduced rate for our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq," said AAFES' Commander Maj. Gen. Kathy

Frost. "Since we know phone calls home provide an instant morale boost we realize we must continue to negotiate the absolute lowest possible rates on behalf of troops in deployed locations."

As a result of these negotiations, troops in Afghanistan and Iraq who use AAFES' 200 unit Military Exchange global prepaid phone card through Feb. 14 will also enjoy a holiday rate of only .22.5 cents per minute.

The decreased rate for the 200 unit card is also good news for anyone who would like to send a phone card to deployed troops. The reduced rate means that a \$14.99, 200 unit Military Exchange prepaid phone card purchased through the "Help Our Troops Call Home" program will provide 16 additional minutes of talk time for troops in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"The reduced rate means that the 200 unit card will now provide more than an

hour of calling time between Iraq or Afghanistan and the continental United States while the 550 unit card continues to provide more than three hours of time for phone calls home," said Frost.

The AAFES' "Help Our Troops Call Home" program has helped Marines, Sailors, Airmen and Soldiers stay in touch with loved ones back home. These funds have been used to purchase and distribute 24,406 550 unit Military Exchange global prepaid phone cards and 7,707 200 unit cards. The "Help Our Troops Call Home" initiative offers phone cards that do not expire and do not add any additional charges or connection fees.

Both 550 and 200 unit Military Exchange global prepaid phone cards can be sent to individual service members or "any service member" through the American Red Cross, United Service Organizations, Air Force Aid Society or

the Fisher House Foundation. AAFES' charitable partners have distributed 7,866 phone cards since the "Help Our Troops Call Home" program began in April 2004.

Sixty-four AAFES call centers throughout Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom have been critical in keeping deployed troops and their families in touch. The Military Exchange 550 and 200 unit prepaid phone cards offer the best value for troops who enjoy calls home from any of AAFES' 47 call centers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The "Help Our Troops Call Home" initiative allows any American to make a direct contribution to the morale of troops who find themselves far from home. For more information, individuals, organizations and businesses can log on to [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) and click the "Help Our Troops Call Home" link or call (800) 527-2345.

# SPORTS

## Cole Sports Update

### Basketball

In boys' basketball, the Cole Cougars split two games last week. The loss on Tuesday was to archrival Randolph with a score of 56 to 32. Sha Cameron and Josh Collins paced the team with 29 points and 15 points, respectively.

The Cougars beat Navarro 66 to 44 Friday. The leading scorers were Josh Collins and Shane Russe, both scoring 17 points, while Angel Ramirez scored 10 points. The Cougars hold a 19-5 overall record, with 2-1 in district. Coach Herb More and assistant Howard Baer are expecting victories in the last seven games.

In girls' basketball, the Lady Cougars won two of three games last week. They defeated Johnson City 54-29. Joie Jolivet led the scoring with 15 points and Kayla Villareal was right behind her with 14 points.

The game against Randolph was a victory with a score of 46-29. Joie Jolivet once again was the leading scorer with 15 points and Nejle Huaracha added 11 points.

The Lady Cougars lost a tough game to Navarro 39 to 46. Joie Jolivet led the scoring with 17 points and Nicole Ham followed her with 13 points. The team now has a 13-13 overall record, with 3-2 in district play.

### Soccer

The Cougar boys' soccer season will be wrapping up soon. Last week, the boys wound up in a tie (1-1) against Texas

Military Institute. Freshman Wesley Lavender scored the only goal for Cole.

Cole lost to TMI last Thursday with a score of 0-2. "The players are keeping their heads up and have great attitudes," said Coach Brandon Jones.

The Lady Cougar soccer team played its last game last week. They lost the game, but wound up with a victorious season, with 6-3-1.

The Cougars had a 1-3 loss to Incarnate Word High School. Amy Rarig scored the only goal. The team scored high against Providence, 9-1. The season ended with a loss to TMI, 0-2.

### Swimming

Cole Jr/Sr High School participated in the Alamo City Invitational Swim Meet Jan. 14 at Davis Natatorium. The Cougars performed well as a group, with most swimmers improving on their times. The students swam against 5A high schools such as Reagan, Churchill and Madison, all of whom have had 5A State Champion swim teams.

Junior Caitlin Gresenz placed 10th in the girls' 100 meter backstroke, while junior Luis Maldonado placed seventh in the boys' 100-meter breaststroke. Senior Jon Simpkins finished in seventh place in both the boys' 200-meter freestyle and 500-meter freestyle.

### Intramural Basketball Standings

As of Jan. 20

TEAM	WIN	LOSS
1st BAMC	5	0
2nd DFAS (G.A.M.E)	7	1
3rd Co B Acad Bn	7	1
4th 232nd Med Bn	6	1
5th 5th Army	5	4
6th 418th/591st Med	3	4
7th 135th FA	3	5
8th DENTAC	2	6
9th NMCRC	1	5
10th Co A STB	1	7
11th BAMC #2	1	7

### Dear Parents...

Do your children need a safety helmet?



## SPORTS BRIEFS . . .

### A&R Council meeting

The next meeting for Athletics and Recreation Council representatives is scheduled for today at 1:30 p.m. at the Hacienda Recreation Center.

### Softball tryouts

Post-wide men and women's softball tryouts are Monday to Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m. (rain date Feb. 7 to 11). Men practice at Leadership Field; women practice at Lady Leadership Field. For more information, call Earl Young at 221-1180 or e-mail earl.young@samhouston.army.mil.

### Intramural volleyball

Intramural volleyball letters of intent are due Tuesday. The coaches meeting is Feb. 4 at 1 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. The season starts Feb. 14.

For more information, call Earl Young at 221-1180 or e-mail earl.young@samhouston.army.mil.

### Senior slow pitch softball

San Antonio Seniors Softball League seeks players for 60+, 65+, and 70+ men's senior slow pitch softball. The league's 17th season begins in March. Open practices, weather permitting, are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. at Rusty Lyons Field, at Basse and McCullough. All skill levels are welcome. For more information, call Dale Carver at 826-1460 or Bill Altman at 651-5507.

### Intramural soccer

Intramural soccer letters of intent are due Wednesday. The coaches meeting is Feb. 7 at 1 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. The season starts Feb. 16.

For more information, call Earl Young at 221-1180 or e-mail earl.young@samhouston.army.mil.

### Intramural racquetball

Intramural racquetball letters of intent are due Feb. 7. The coaches meeting is Feb. 16 at 1 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. The season starts Feb. 21. For more information, call Earl Young at 221-1180 or e-mail earl.young@samhouston.army.mil.

### Intramural flag football

Intramural flag football letters of intent are due Feb. 7. The coaches meeting is Feb. 16 at 1 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. The season starts Feb. 21. For more information, call Earl Young at 221-1180 or e-mail earl.young@samhouston.army.mil.

### Flag Football League

A local Flag Football League needs participants. The league has four or eight-man teams. The entry fee is half-price for military teams from Fort Sam Houston, Lackland Air Force Base and Randolph AFB. For more information, call 737-3131.

### Basketball Camp

The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp is accepting applications from 10 to 19-year-olds. Past participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan and Vince Carter. College basketball scholarships are possible for players accepted to the All-American Team. For more information and camp locations, call (704) 373-0873.

# Repeat after me



Photo by Michael Dulevitz

Capt. Marti Blose, from the Akeroyd Blood Donor Center, administers the reaffirmation oath to Medical Command's Command Sgt. Maj. David A. Eddy (center) and the reenlistment oath to Staff Sgt. Anthony Ketch, from C Company, Brooke Army Medical Center. Eddy also reaffirmed his reenlistment commitment with Staff Sgt. Sharon Hodges, from the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research at BAMC.

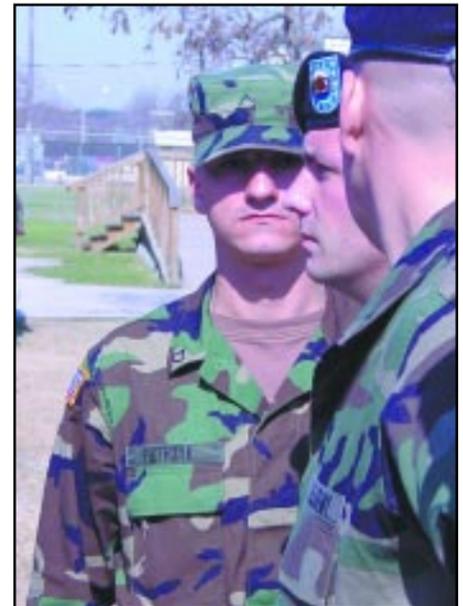
# 232nd Med. Bn. Soldier and Junior Leader of the Week



Pvt. Yuki Rattee, Soldier of the Week, carries the F Company, 232nd Medical Battalion guidon. Rattee is from Irvine, Calif. Rattee said she joined the Army "to start a nursing career and help fellow Soldiers."

Photos by Spc. Roman Kobyskovsky

Pfc. Bjoern Pietrzyk, Junior Leader of the Week, aligns his squad during drill and ceremony. Assigned to F Company, 232d Medical Battalion, Pietrzyk is from Denver, Col. He said he joined the Army because he "always wanted to join the Army and serve my country." Bjoern plans to become a New York firefighter.



# Blood is the fluid of life

The BAMC Blood Bank is running critically low on O Negative blood. Akeroyd Blood Donor Center is reaching out to you for your support to accomplish a mission for life.

Contact the Donor Center to lend a helping hand. To donate blood now, call the Akeroyd Blood Donor Center at 295-4655 or 295-4989.



# MWR

## Recreation and fitness

### Wranglers' Military Appreciation Day

Arena football tickets for the Austin Wranglers vs. Philadelphia Soul season opener are on sale at the MWR Ticket Office in the Sam Houston Club. The Wranglers will recognize military members and their families Sunday at 11 a.m. in the Erwin Center. Ticket prices are \$4 or \$15 for a ticket and transportation to and from the game. For more information, call 226-1663 or 221-2307.

### Post garage sale

Clean out your closet for the next garage sale, which is Feb. 5 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the MacArthur Pavilion parking lot, on the corner of Harry Wurzbach and Stanley Roads. To participate as a seller, people must have a valid Department of Defense ID card. There is no cost; however, participants must pre-register by calling 221-2307 or 221-9904 or visiting the Web page at [www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com](http://www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com). MWR provides a space in the parking lot; participants must bring their own tables, or may rent one at the Outdoor Equipment Center by calling 221-5224.

### Red Cross lifeguard class

The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center will sponsor a Red Cross lifeguard class Feb. 5 and 6 and Feb. 12 and 13 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Participants must be at least 15 years old and have a Department of Defense ID card. Cost is \$165 and includes course materials and Automated External Defibrillation training. For more information or to register, call the pool staff at 295-8861.

### Fort Sam Houston M\*A\*S\*H

Sign-up now for the M\*A\*S\*H half marathon and two-person relay Feb. 6. Registration fees are \$60 for teams and \$35 for individuals until Tuesday. After Tuesday, fees are \$80 for teams and \$45 for individuals. Race day registration starts at 6 a.m. The race starts at 8 a.m. from the Brigade Gym. For more information, call 826-1888.

### Cycling classes

The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center offers free cycling classes. Get your heart pumping with fast paced rides set to music. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 6:45 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Wednesdays from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m.; and Saturdays from 9 to 9:45 a.m.

### 5K Fun Run/Walk

Everyone is invited to a free 5K fun run/walk through the historic housing area of Fort Sam Houston Saturday. The run starts at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center at 10 a.m. For more information, call 221-2020.

### Weekly aerobics classes

A variety of aerobics classes are available weekly at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center including step aerobics, water aerobics and kickboxing. A full class schedule is available online at [www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com](http://www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com) or at the fitness center. Cost is \$2 per class or a 16-class pass can be purchased for \$24. For more information, call Lucian Kimble at 221-2020.

### Jump rope aerobics

Join the 15-minute jump rope aerobics class featuring basic jumps. Bring your own rope to the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center Mondays, Wednesdays

and Fridays at 5:30 p.m. for this free class. For more information, call 221-1234.

### 60 Days of Fitness

The program is a motivating fitness and weight loss program to help people safely lose 15 pounds in 60 days using a point system. This self-paced program requires people to work out 45 out of 60 days and includes a seven-page fitness assessment, body fat analysis and body measurements. People will also attend two 30-minute weight loss classes. Cost for the program is \$40, which includes a T-shirt. For more information, call Lucian Kimble at 221-2020.

### Riding lessons

Weekday riding lessons are available at the Equestrian Center. Lessons slots are Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for Western, English and Jumping. For more information, call 224-7207.

### Trail rides

The Equestrian Center offers one-hour trail rides Saturdays and Sundays. People ages 7 and up are welcome; however, adults must accompany all children. The cost is \$20 per person. Reservations are required and may be made by visiting the Equestrian Center or by phone. Riding times are 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., 10 to 11 a.m., 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. For more information, call 224-7207 or visit Bldg. 3550, Hawkins Road, off Binz-Engleman.

### Equipment rentals

The Outdoor Equipment Center (Bldg. 1111, Forage Road) offers a wide variety of recreational equipment for rent including fishing boats, travel trailers, camping equipment, large barbecue and smoker pits, canopies, tables, chairs, play bouncers and dunking booths for unit gatherings or birthday parties. Utility trailers (both open and cov-

ered) are also available. For more information, call 221-5224.

## Dining and entertainment

### Sam Houston Club

#### Sunday brunch

Sunday brunch is Feb. 6 and 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$11.95 for members, \$13.95 for non-members and \$6.95 for children 7 to 11 years old. Brunch is free for children 6 and under. Adult meals include a complimentary glass of champagne.

#### Big Bucks Bingo

Big Bucks Bingo is Feb. 5. Come play bingo Thursdays and Fridays (6:50 p.m. – early bird start). Doors open at 5 p.m. Saturday (12:50 p.m. – early bird start). Children 10 and up may also play when accompanied by an adult; \$10,000 is ready to be given away. Free buffet for bingo players.

#### Super TGIF

Super TGIF is Feb. 18; the bar opens at 4:30 p.m. Open buffet for everyone and no cover charge for members; non-members pay \$3.

#### Sams Sports Bar

SoundTraxx DJ Greg Norton provides entertainment Feb. 11 and 25.

#### Light lunch

The Sam Houston Club will start serving assorted sandwiches, soups and salads along with the "All You Can Eat" buffet Monday. Lunch includes beverage, salad bar, soup and dessert. Hours are Mondays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### Golf Club

#### Super Bowl party

Come watch the Super Bowl at the Golf Club Feb. 6 at 4:30 p.m.

#### Golf lessons

Private customized and personalized instructions are offered at the golf club.

#### Ladies clinic

Classes are offered for beginners every Tuesday through Feb. 22.

### Sweetheart special

This Valentine's Day, give your sweetheart a golf lesson with a 10 percent discount or buy a partner package with a 20 percent discount. For more information, call 222-9386.

### Bowling Center

#### Bowling lessons

Lessons are Tuesdays and are free to league bowlers (\$25 for non-league bowlers).

#### Family bowling

Family bowling day is Sundays; adults and youth 12 and up pay \$1.75 per game (children under 12 bowl free). Shoe rental is \$1. The special excludes birthday parties and cannot be combined with other special offers.

#### Soldier appreciation

Soldier Appreciation Day is Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Free shoe rental and medium soda with purchase of game.

#### Cyber Bowl

Cyber Bowl is Saturdays from 8 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person 12 and up, \$5 per person under 12.

#### Harlequin Dinner Theatre

"Ten Little Indians," a mystery by Agatha Christie, will be performed through Feb. 19. Call the box office at 222-9694 for show times and tickets.

### MWR Ticket Office

The ticket office has Disney and Universal Studios tickets, along with 2005 entertainment coupon books. The 2005 season passes for Sea World and Fiesta Texas are now available. Disney Line has special rates for military that start at \$349. Disney on Ice presents "Finding Nemo," tickets are available for March 24 to 27. Tickets are only \$12 for March 25 and 27. There are also tickets for the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, which is Feb. 4 to 20; tickets are \$35. Carnival tickets for the rodeo are available. The ticket office is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 226-1663.

## DO YOU KNOW WHAT IS ON YOUR CREDIT REPORT?

Would you like to get a credit report and have it reviewed by a credit specialist?

For more information on how you can do this, call the Financial Readiness Branch of Army Community Service at 221-1612.





Col. Richard Agee, Army Medical Department Center and School chief of staff, hands a donor recognition certificate to Sgt. La Tonya Hawk, Brooke Army Medical Center emergency care NCO, for her work as a donor coordinator at the Blood Donor Recognition Ceremony Friday at the Sam Houston Club.

## Fort Sam honors top blood donors, coordinators

Story and photo by Elaine Aviles  
Fort Sam Houston News Leader

Fort Sam Houston honored its top blood donors and blood drive coordinators during a ceremony Friday at the Sam Houston Club.

“More than 10,000 units of blood are used each year at BAMC (Brooke Army Medical Center) alone,” said Capt. Marti Blose, Akeroyd Blood Donor Center officer in charge. “We would never be able to meet that need and support our troops in the theaters of operation without the generous contributions of our donors.”

The top donors received a certificate and a

personal word of gratitude from Col. Richard Agee, Army Medical Department Center and School chief of staff, Col. Robert Ranlett, BAMC Department of Pathology and Area Laboratory Services chief, and Lt. Col. David Reiber, BAMC chief of blood services.

Donald Aldridge, a 5-gallon donor and top donor of whole blood, said he is grateful he’s able to donate.

“It’s a privilege to give to those who need it,” he said. “I thank God I was blessed with good health and am able to give.”

To donate blood or for more information, call the Akeroyd Blood Donor Center at 295-4655 or 295-4989.

## Dental Readiness Program starts

Effective today, the Fort Sam Houston Dental Activity will initiate the First Term Dental Readiness program.

The purpose of the program is to keep Soldiers in entry-level training dentally deployable by treating dental class 3 conditions prior to graduation. Class 3 conditions are those that have the potential for dental emergencies within 12 months.

The program is vital since current operations require Soldiers to be ready for worldwide deployment upon arrival at their first permanent duty station.

Budge Dental Clinic will focus treatment resources on these Soldiers from 6 to 9 a.m. The program will necessitate the following changes in clinic hours at Budge Dental Clinic:

**Clinic hours:**

6 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Sick call**

– Students: 6 to 8 a.m.

– Permanent party Soldiers have two options. They can be seen during regular sick call from 6 to 8 a.m. or schedule a screening appointment after 9 a.m., either in person or by calling 295-4095 or 295-4156. Dental conditions that can be treated quickly will be addressed during the screening appointment. Dental conditions needing more extensive care may require the patient to return for a subsequent appointment, either later in the day if the

condition requires immediate attention, or on a routine basis if treatment can be deferred.

– Emergency patients will be seen throughout the duty day to relieve acute pain or manage trauma.

**Examinations**

Walk-in Examinations: 9 to 10 a.m. and 12 to 2 p.m. To make an appointment, call 295-4095 or 295-4156.

(Source: Budge Dental Clinic)

# RELIGIOUS HAPPENINGS . . .

## **Faith Fitness for Women**

The Protestant Women of the Chapel sponsor Faith Fitness for Women, a program that helps women improve their physical fitness through faith-based encouragement and support. The group meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center beginning Tuesday and is open to all Fort Sam Houston community women. For more information, call 829-4479.

## **Positive moms group**

The Protestant Women of the Chapel sponsor an enrichment class for Fort Sam Houston women seeking positive ways to deal with the complex job of being a mom. The class is Thursdays starting today from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Dodd Field Chapel. The group will read and discuss, "The Power of a Positive Mom" by Karol Ladd over a 10-week period. Childcare for infants to 5-year-olds will be provided. For more information, call 829-4479.

## **Officer Christian Fellowship**

Officers can start 2005 off with Bible study. See what Officer Christian Fellowship is all about at Bible study Friday, Feb. 11 and 25, and March 4 and 11. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and Bible study is 7 p.m. at 1008 Gorgas Circle, (near the old Brooke Army Medical Center). For more information, call Lt. Col. Bob Griffith at 226-1295 or e-mail rgriffith3@satx.rr.com.

## **Prayer vigil**

Mothers of the Military and Blue Star Mothers of America will sponsor a prayer vigil at San Fernando Cathedral from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday. Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 6914 Wurzbach Road, will have a prayer vigil Saturday from 7:30 p.m. to midnight. Children are welcome. Coffee and light snacks will be available. The prayer vigil will be held for members of our Armed Services serving in Iraq and for the Iraqi people during their elections, which take place nine hours ahead of local time.

## **Smoke-free and courageous forever**

Attend smoking cessation classes in the Health Promotion Center and learn how to find the courage to give up the nicotine habit forever, whether you smoke, dip or chew. Become one of our graduates and earn your "wings." Visit the Health Promotion Center, Room L31-9v, Brooke Army Medical Center or call 916-3352 or 916-5538.

## POST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Main Post Chapel**, Bldg. 2200, phone number: 221-2754

### **Catholic Services:**

4:45-5:15 p.m. - Confessions - Saturdays

5:30 p.m. - Mass - Saturdays

9:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11:30 a.m. - Mass - Weekdays

**Protestant Services** - Sundays:

8 a.m. - Traditional Protestant

11 a.m. - Traditional Protestant

**Jewish Services:** phone numbers: 379-8666 or 493-6660

Fridays: 8 p.m. - Worship and

8:30 p.m. - Oneg Shabbat

**Dodd Field Chapel**, Bldg. 1721, phone numbers: 221-5010 or 221-5432

**Catholic Services** - Sundays:

12:30 p.m. - Bilingual Mass

**Protestant Services:**

10:30 a.m. - Collective Gospel Protestant - Sundays

9:30-11:30 a.m. - Women's Bible Study (PWOC) - Wednesdays, childcare is provided

**AMEDD Regimental Chapel**, Bldg. 1398, phone number: 221-4362

**Troop Catholic Mass:**

Sundays: 10 a.m. - 32nd Medical Bde. Soldiers

**Troop Protestant Gospel**

### **Services:**

Sundays: 11:30 a.m. - 32nd Med. Bde. Soldiers

**Troop Protestant Service:**

9 a.m. - 32nd Medical Bde. Soldiers

**FSH Mosque**, Bldg. 607A, phone numbers: 221-5005 or 221-5007

1:30 p.m. - Jumma - Fridays

10:30 a.m. - Children's Religious Education - Sundays

7:30 p.m. - Adult Religious Education - Thursdays

**Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel**, Bldg. 3600, phone number: 916-1105

**Catholic Services:**

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11:15 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11 a.m. - Mass - Weekdays

**Protestant Services:**

10 a.m. - Worship Service - Sundays

Noon - Worship - Wednesdays

**232nd Medical Battalion Classroom**, Bldg. 1380, phone numbers: 221-5005 or 221-5007

**Mormon Services:** 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. - Sundays

**Web site:**

[www.cs.amedd.army.mil/chaplain](http://www.cs.amedd.army.mil/chaplain)

## Watchful eyes

# Military, civilians, contractors

Story and photos by Shadi May  
Fort Sam Houston News Leader

Events of Sept. 11 affected people's lives and life styles. Life at Fort Sam Houston, much like other military installations, has also been affected.

New security measures as a result of 9/11 caused Fort Sam to no longer be an open post. Immediately after it was necessary to control access to the post, the gates were secured by National Guard and Army reservists, but contractors took over that job as of September 2003.

There are three different bodies of protection working hand-in-hand to provide security for the post, its employees and residents. The Provost Marshal Office oversees all aspects of security for Fort Sam and its tenant units to include Camp Bullis training site. The security forces on post consist of military police, Department of the Army civil service police and civilian contract security officers. Each section is responsible for a different area of security for the post.

"Our job is to protect, assist and defend, and we do that by being proactive," said Ray Acuna, deputy post provost marshal. "We manage two areas — post security and law enforcement. Post security entails the vehicle access control points (gates), and that is the responsibility of our contractor personnel, Chenega Corporation. Law enforcement is the responsibility of the military and DA civilian police."

Law enforcement side covers patrol and military police station operations; traffic accidents, MP and absence-without-leave investigations; and special reaction team. The SRT is in charge of situations a standard MP unit cannot handle such as hostage situations.

"We enforce Uniform Code of Military Justice and Texas penal code violations," said Lt. Larry Davis, Fort Sam Houston civilian police supervisor. "We have a working relationship with the San Antonio police department because of criminal activities off post involving military members."

The most common types of violations at Fort Sam are traffic violations from speeding to running red lights and stop signs.

"You see the traffic violations every day," said Davis. "If people speed on post, they will be cited a DD 1805 or a DD 1408. Tickets will go against their civilian driving

records. They can either pay or go to court. If they decide to go to federal court, they present their case before a federal judge. Unlike violations received off post, individuals receiving a ticket on post will not have an option to go to defensive driving courses."

Both the civilian and military police work closely with the contract security personnel to ensure a safe environment for the post, but soon, a huge transition will be made when the military police depart and turn all operations over to the civilian police.

"The military police will depart by September," said Acuna. "We are hiring additional DA police. The challenge to do our mission is having sufficient people to do it, and we do right now. Preferably, we are looking for people with police experience. We are also targeting to fill our special reaction team positions. These are trained police personnel armed and equipped to isolate, contain, gather information and, if necessary, neutralize a special threat to include acts of terrorism and hostage-taking."

The last time Fort Sam police had to deal with a hostage situation was in December 1993 when an employee who had just been terminated decided to take the supervisor hostage. No one was hurt in that incident.

"The Army MP corps has a combat support mission, and the Army has decided they need all the MPs to support that mission," said Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Banks, Fort Sam Houston military police operations sergeant. "This is why the garrison security mission will be turned over to the DA police. Combat security missions take care of enemy prisoners of war, battlefield intelligence and area security. This is where the Army needs us most now."

Until September, the military police will be very active in providing security on post. They will continue to perform duties crucial to Fort Sam's security to include speed checks.

"The school zone is one of the spots where we have problems with speeding," said Staff Sgt. John Crump, military police patrol supervisor. "The speed limit changes all over the post, so people don't pay attention and speed."

The police also use military dogs for security.

"Any time there is a big event, we use military dogs to assist us with weapons and drug search," said Banks. "Fiesta is the biggest time we use them to secure the parade

fields, but we also use them when commanders want to do a health and welfare inspection of the dorms."

The MPs enforce UCMJ code violations.

"We need to have 'probable cause' in order to conduct a search," said Banks. "If we see anything suspicious such as a 'leafy looking' bag or a thermos with a wire hanging out in a car, that would be probable cause for a search."

"As for the transition, people need to realize that the security will be provided by the civilian police and contractors and respect that," Banks said.

The Army is turning over entry point security to civilian contractors Army-wide with 22 locations currently under a contract. Fort Sam's contract with Chenega is for five years.

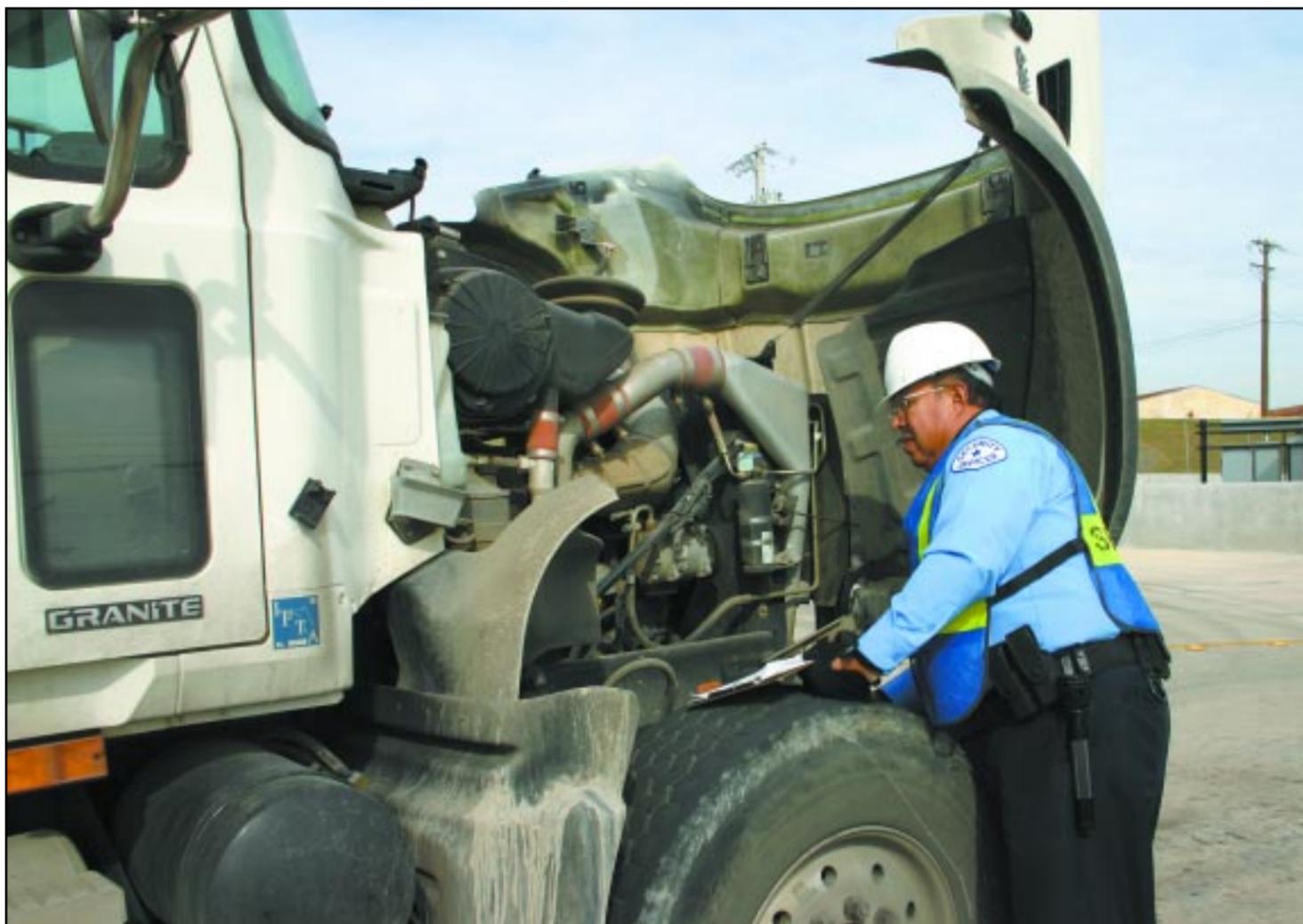
"We take our guidance from the provost marshal office," said Mark Szyman, Chenega program field manager. "Under the current force protection condition (ALPHA), we have to identify anyone coming to the installation. People challenge procedures all the time. The first six months, some folks resented the new system at the gates. What people need to understand is that we don't just make up our procedures. There is a basis in regulation for everything we do."

"People need to know that we do not set policy," said Capt. Michael Anderson, Chenega captain of guards.

Chenega representatives ask the Fort Sam community to follow these guidelines to make life easier on both the security staff and Fort Sam residents and workers:

- Have proper ID card in hand before reaching the gate.
- Make sure the vehicle has current registration and proof of insurance.
- Ensure decal stickers and inspection stickers are current and legible.

"Proper ID can be anything from a



John Ramos, a Chenega security officer, inspects under the hood of a commercial truck at the Jadwin Street gate, which all commercial vehicles must use to enter Fort Sam Houston.



(Above) Sgt. Greg Houston (left) and Lt. Larry Davis, Department of the Army civilian police, discuss a case.

(Right) Staff Sgt. Daniel Dechenne, desk sergeant supervisor, takes a call in the MP desk area.

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driver's license or a military ID, to a passport or a pictured, state-issued ID card," said Szyman. "We receive complaints about our procedures, and typically, they have been, 'You made me be late.' We ask that people understand and be personable to our staff."

The Chenega security officers go through a month of training conducted by company's certified instructors. They do the "right seat ride" to watch and learn, and then move to the "left seat" while someone is watching their performance before they are put on duty for the first time. All employees go through an intense background investigation process.

"We do things systematically," said Szyman. "We go around the vehicles in a certain way for a reason. The garrison commander, through the provost marshal office, provides us guidance for random vehicle inspections."

While the Chenega personnel are authorized to conduct vehicle inspections only, the military and civilian police are authorized to both inspect and search a vehicle. Inspecting a vehicle entails the driver to shut off the engine, come out of the car and open doors,

hood and trunk and allow a visible check of the vehicle. A vehicle search is a more intense and detailed inspection of a vehicle's contents.

"Inspections are non-negotiable," said Sgt. Carlos Hinojosa, day supervisor. "If a visitor does not agree to our inspection request, we will turn the vehicle away regardless of rank or status. We only inspect vehicles based on the random number issued to us by the garrison commander. We hold on to their ID card until the procedure is finished and check their names against our 'bar list' before we allow them to proceed."

"The bottom line is that security is very important and everyone has a role," said Lt. Col. Darrel Andrews, Fort Sam provost marshal. "All personnel conducting security provide post security 24/7 by fighting all elements — rain, sleet or flood. A courteous smile goes a long way to let them know as a community that we appreciate what they are doing. Sometimes, the security personnel are forgotten

heroes, so we need to remember that they provide invaluable services for all of us."



Chenega security officer Michael Smith inspects underneath the passenger seat of a vehicle selected randomly at the Walters Street gate.



Pfc. Adam Teschler (left) and Sgt. Joseph Johnson (right), military police patrolmen, get ready to go on a call.



# CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES

## Youth Happenings

### **Cheer clinic**

Youth Services sponsors a weekly cheer clinic beginning in March for two age groups: 5- to 8-year-olds and 8- to 12-year-olds. The cost will be announced at a later time. Participants must be registered with Child and Youth Services. For more information, call 221-3502 or 221-5513.

### **Teen ice skating**

An ice skating night out for teens is Feb. 4 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Northwood Ice Center. The cost is \$8 per person. Space is limited. To sign up in advance, call 221-3502.

### **Movie marathon**

The teens will have a science fiction movie marathon with pizza Saturday from 7 to 10:30 p.m.

### **Hail and farewell**

A hail and farewell pizza party for new or departing middle or high school students is Saturday from 6 to 7 p.m. in Bldg. 1630A. For more information, call Emmett at 221-3502.

### **Cooking class**

Youth Services offers a Friday night cooking class starting at 4 p.m. Students will cook a pizza casserole.

### **Teen Council meeting**

A Teen Council meeting will be held Feb. 12 from 5 to 6 p.m. All council members should attend to help plan future calendars and make plans for spring break and summer events.

### **Sports registrations**

Registration for baseball, softball and T-ball begins Tuesday and runs through Feb. 28. The cost is \$45 for the first child, \$40 for the second and \$35 for the third, if all are from the same family. For 3 and 4 year old step T-ball, the cost is \$30 per child. Track registration is also under way. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services, and a birth certificate and physical are required. For more information, call 221-3502 or 221-5513 or stop by the Youth Center, Bldg. 1630, between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

### **Instructional classes**

People interested in instructional classes such as Tae Kwon Do, quarterly babysitter training or gymnastics can call 221-4882 or 221-4871/1723.

### **Open recreation**

School Age Services offers after school, weekend open recreation and after school hourly care to children in first through fifth grade. People have to sign up for hourly and open recreation in advance. Children must be registered through central registration prior to using the School Age Program. For more information, call School Age Services at 221-4466. To register, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

### **Boredom remedy**

Youth Services offers after school and weekend opportunities for sixth through 12th graders. For more information, call Youth Services at 221-4882 or Child and Youth Services Central Registration at 221-4871.

### **Free after school program**

Youth Services offers an after school program for sixth through ninth graders weekdays until 6 p.m. YS will pick up children from either the elementary or high school. Students go to the Youth Center, have a snack, work on homework, participate in clubs and do fun, innovative projects. Students must be registered with Child and Youth Services, which has an \$18 annual fee, but the program is free. For more information, call 221-3502.

### **Parents wanted**

Parents are invited to come to the Youth Center Feb. 19 from 8 to 10:30 p.m. to join the

Youth Center staff and the teens and middle school youth in a game of basketball. Parents and staff try to outmaneuver the teens and score a few baskets. For more information, call the Youth Center at 221-3502.

### **Volunteers needed**

Youth Services is looking for volunteers to assist with youth programs, including coaches, computer-skilled people, people with craft hobbies or anyone who just cares about kids. People who can type or file are also needed. For more information or to volunteer, call the Youth Center at 221-3502.

### **Saturday open recreation**

First through 12th graders can participate in open recreation at the Youth Center Saturdays. First through fifth graders meet from 3 to 8 p.m., sixth through eighth graders from 3 to 10 p.m. and ninth through 12th graders from 3 to 11 p.m. Activities include computer lab, arts and crafts, basketball, pool, pingpong and movies. People must be registered with Child and Youth Services to attend. For more information, call 221-3502.

### **Saturday shuttle**

Youth Services offers a Saturday shuttle to and from the Youth Center. There is no cost but parents with children 9 years old and younger must wait for the van and sign them in and out. The shuttle schedule is

- 3 p.m. - leave the Youth Center
- 3:10 p.m. - Gorgas Circle (picnic tables)
- 3:13 p.m. - Schofield/Dickman on Schofield
- 3:16 p.m. - Reynolds and Dickman on Reynolds
- 3:20 p.m. - Officers' Club tennis courts
- 3:25 p.m. - Artillery Post Road at bus stop
- 3:30 p.m. - Easley/Infantry Post at bus stop 660
- 3:37 p.m. - Patch Road (playground)
- 3:40 p.m. - Marvin R. Wood (basketball courts)
- 3:47 p.m. - Patch Road (shoppette parking lot)
- 3:51 p.m. - Foulois/Scott Road (Harris Heights)
- 3:54 p.m. - Forage/Foulois
- 4:02 p.m. - Powless Guest House

The return shuttle will leave the Youth Center at 7:30 p.m. for those in fifth grade and below. There is also a shuttle that leaves at 9:30 p.m. for those in middle school and at 10:30 p.m. for those in ninth grade and up. These shuttles are for youth who live on the installation. For more information, call 221-3502.

## Parent News

### **Home-based child care**

Family Child Care offers home-based child care for ages 4 weeks to 12 years old on and off post with certified providers. FCC offers full day, part day, before and after school care, hourly care, extended hourly care and long term care. For referral information or child registration, call Child and Youth Services Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

### **FCC providers**

Family Child Care is looking for family members interested in becoming certified FCC providers. There is a no-cost start-up plan. FCC installation training for new providers is Feb. 14 to 18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 221-3820 or 221-3828. FCC installation training for new providers is Feb. 14 to 18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### **PAC meeting**

The Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Council meeting will be Feb. 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Child Development Center, 2530 Funtston. Lunch will be provided. This is an opportunity for parents to learn of upcoming events, meet staff and address concerns.

### **Full-time day care**

If you need full-time day care for children 3 to 5 years old, call Central Registration at 221-4871.

# Post Pulse: Who is your hero and why?



"My mom here on Earth because she instilled morals and values in my upbringing and taught me respect and showing respect toward elders. She taught me love and understanding and ensured that I went to church all the time."

Lt. Larry Davis



"My dad because he never met a person he didn't like or who didn't like him."

Norma Mendoza



"My mother is my hero because she has always been inspirational in my life and there for me. I would not be the person that I am today had it not been for her."

Lt. Col. Darrel Andrews



"My mother is mine because she is a very hard worker and takes care of us even as we are grown. We still eat over there and spend the night with all the kids. She has a good heart and is teaching us to do the right thing also."

Toni Henry

## SCHOOL NEWS

# Fort Sam Houston ISD honors Board of Trustees

Story and photo by Dr. Gloria H. Davila  
FSH ISD associate superintendent

January is Texas School Board Recognition Month. Fort Sam Houston ISD joined other districts across the state in gratefully acknowledging board members' commitment to communities and schools.

The FSHISD board members will be honored and recognized by the administration, staff and students of the Fort Sam Houston schools at a board meeting today. The meeting is 11 a.m. in the Professional Development Center, 1902 Winans Road.

Members of the Fort Sam Houston ISD Board of Trustees perform an important service for the Fort Sam Houston community. As guardians of the public trust, they serve as advocates for public education and the Fort Sam Houston community. They provide local citizen supervision and control over education at a point closest to the parent and child.

"Our board members unselfishly contribute their time and talents toward the advancement of FSH schools and our students' academic achievement," said Dr. Gail Siller, superintendent of schools. "Their many contributions reflect a year-round

commitment on their part." Board members are responsible for setting policy for the school district and making decisions based upon the educational welfare of all children served by the district. These policies dictate the standards and philosophy by which the schools are run and the criteria used to judge whether they are being run well.

Fort Sam Houston ISD has a five-member Board of Trustees nominated by the garrison commander and appointed by the State Board of Education. Prior to the formal nomination, a panel of installation representatives from the various commands interviews board applicants and makes recommendations to the garrison commander.

"School board members exemplify local citizen control and decision making in education," said Siller. "They volunteer hundreds of hours to ensure that the Fort Sam Houston schools are providing the best education possible for our students."

Members of the school board include Keith Toney, president; Eustace Lewis, vice-president; Dr. Clarence E. Maxwell, secretary; Jeanne Warren, member; and Deborah Seabron, member.

Board president Keith Toney is the school liaison officer for

Fort Sam Houston. A member of the board since 1998, Toney has served as president for two terms and secretary one term. He was selected as a member of the Texas Association of School Boards' Leadership Class of 2000, which earned him the prestigious "Master Trustee" designation for his successful completion of a year-long board leadership training course.

Eustace S. Lewis is an instructor in the Anatomy and Physiology Branch of the Army Medical Department Center and School. Lewis, who joined the Fort Sam Houston ISD school board in May 2000, has served as its vice-president since April 2001. In September 2003, he was one of only 36 board members from Texas to graduate from the Leadership TASB 2002-2003 program, earning him the prestigious "Master Trustee" designation.

Retired Col. (Dr.) Clarence E. Maxwell, is a facilities management officer for the Great Plains Regional Medical Command, the largest regional command of the U.S. Army Medical Command. He was appointed to the Fort Sam Houston ISD Board of Trustees in September 2003 and has served as secretary since September 2004.

Jeanne Warren, a board mem-



Fort Sam Houston ISD will recognize the Board of Trustees for their time and commitment to the district at today's board meeting. Pictured with Dr. Gail Siller, superintendent of schools, are board members: (from left, first row) Jeanne Warren, Keith Toney, Deborah Seabron, (from left, second row) Eustace Lewis, Siller and Dr. CEM Maxwell.

ber since May 2001, is the Fort Sam Houston youth services director. She has been with the Youth Services Program since 1989 and has served in many advisory groups, including the Volunteer Advisory Council, the Youth Advisory Council and the Juvenile Review Board. Warren's involvement with Robert G. Cole's Campus Educational Improvement Committee has provided her with insight into the dynamics of an educational environment.

Newly appointed to the Board of Trustees in September 2004, Deborah Seabron is the supervisory management analyst in the plans, analysis and integration office. She has 26 years of federal service in various positions and agencies including the Army, Air Force and the Internal Revenue Service. Her commitment to children includes coordinating a children's day camp for under-privileged youth on the city's eastside.

### FSH Independent School District Weekly Campus Activities Monday through Feb. 5

Black History Month

#### Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

##### Wednesday

Progress Reports go home

##### Feb. 3

PTO Board Meeting in room 5, 12 p.m.

##### Feb. 4

Spirit Day

#### Robert G. Cole Jr. / Sr. High School

##### Tuesday

Girls' basketball at Johnson City, 5 and 6:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball at Johnson City, 5 and 8 p.m.

##### Feb. 3

JROTC blood drive at Cole, 2:30 to 7 p.m.

##### Feb. 4

Pep rally in gym, 3 p.m.

Boys' junior varsity basketball vs. Randolph at Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, 5 p.m.

Boys' varsity basketball vs. Randolph at Cole, 8 p.m.

Girls Basketball vs. Randolph at Jimmy Brought Fitness Center and Cole, 5 and 6:30 p.m.

##### Feb. 5

UIL one act play rehearsal in Moseley Gym, 1 to 4 p.m.

## Robert G. Cole Jr./Sr. High School Honor Roll

Many of the Robert G. Cole students have attained academic success for the second nine weeks of the 2004-2005 school year. To qualify for the two honor rolls, students must earn the following grades: A Honor Roll, a grade of 90 or higher in all classes; and A/B Honor Roll, a grade of 80 or higher in all classes with at least one grade of 90 or higher.

#### A Honor Roll 2nd Nine Weeks

##### 7th Grade

Sally Gore  
Troy Griffith  
Margaret Manalo

##### 8th Grade

Kelsey Charlton  
Casey Gresenz  
Dallas Herndon  
Kathryn Rarig

##### 9th Grade

Carla Cartagena  
Jennifer Gibson  
Daniel Heaney  
Caitlan Mester  
Patrick Newcomer  
Jennifer Sees  
Matthew Sullivan  
Katherine Teeter

#### A/B Honor Roll 2nd Nine Weeks

##### 7th Grade

Jacqueline Arnold  
Melissa Brouillard  
Rebekah Brown

##### 8th Grade

Devante Dwyer  
Lorenzo Fields  
Shaquira Hall  
Andre Hardnett-Hamilton  
Henry Pagan

##### 9th Grade

Catherine Perkins  
Kiera Petty  
Michael Rinehart  
Michael Sees  
Adam Shaw  
Jessica Shea  
Kaitlin Sheridan  
Brittany Starr

Alyssa Swiderski  
Karen Thompson  
Alexander Verhulst  
Austin Villarreal  
Phillip Vince  
Lindsay Wafford

##### 8th Grade

Akaia Brown  
Clara Buchanan  
Trey Campbell  
Adriana Cleveland  
Jamiah Collins  
Nathan Eggers  
Felicia Fields  
Kyle Lammers  
Alexandra Mazak  
Thomas Polk  
Peter Simpkins  
Undre' Stoker  
Timothy Ta  
Megann Taylor  
Yarie Torres  
Kaitlan Vasquez

##### 9th Grade

Daniel Barahona  
Bryan Bauman  
Samantha Benson  
Martha Brown  
Brandy Godfrey  
Samantha Gonzalez  
Shaniquea Johnson  
Jordan Maney  
Lukas Sheridan  
Jacob Stonecipher  
Chris Swiderski  
Ginger Thompson

Sherry Torres  
Janelle Uncanogo

##### 10th Grade

Mary Arneson  
Roy Aviles  
Kristen Bryant  
Devon Daley  
Alexander Dochnal  
Allison Erickson  
Chaquille Hicks  
Jazmin Huling  
Brad Kelley  
Lionel Lowery III  
Brittany Maas  
Xiomara Martinez  
Michelle McClendon  
Lisa Nieves  
Nathaniele Otto  
Paul Parker  
Brittany Polite  
Douglas Raymond, Jr.  
Stephanie Rivera  
Judonn Roberson  
Fabian Rodriguez  
Melissa Velez  
Chelsea Woodard  
Jasmine Young

##### 11th Grade

Elizabeth Bagg  
Owen Black  
Amanda Bray  
Jake Buchanan  
Doris Daniels  
Robert Dillard, Jr.  
Ashley Hatton

Joshua Heaney  
Shaunteia Johnson  
Stephen Lagutchik  
Donnte Means  
Marcos Montes  
Josue Moreno  
Leah Morris  
James Raymond  
Steven Rhodes  
Sara Salisbury  
Donall Shipman  
Michael Sloan-Santos  
Brittany Swiger  
David Thompson II  
Hailey Wisely

##### 12th Grade

Michael Biggerstaff  
Stephen Biggerstaff  
Stephanie Braithwaite  
Jonathan Brown  
Jesse Cartagena  
Alexa Collins  
Dominique Franklin  
Brian Grezler  
Christopher Hixson  
Joie Jolivet  
Ashley Kelley  
Bryce Kinsey  
Caitlyn McCoole  
Antonio Pena, Jr.  
Jonathan Simpkins  
Cha Na Sok  
Christian Vega  
Debesh West  
Nadine Willis

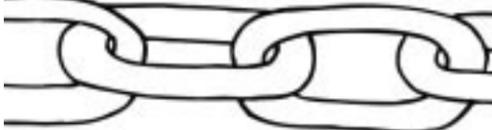
### Board of Trustees meeting

The Fort Sam Houston ISD Board of Trustees will meet at the Fort Sam Houston ISD Professional Development Center, 1908 Winans Road, for a regular meeting today at 11 a.m.

### School board candidate workshop

Area school board candidates and interested people are invited to a candidate workshop Feb. 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Region 20 Education Service Center at 1314 Hines Ave. Experienced school

board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service. The workshop is free and open to the public. For more information, call School Liaison Services at 221-9613 or e-mail keith.toney@samhouston.army.mil.



# COMMUNITY LINK



## Happenings

### Bastrop State Park Walk

The Colorado River Walkers volksmarch club will host a 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) and 5-kilometer walk at Bastrop State Park on Saturday and Sunday. Start between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m., finish by 3 p.m. For more information, call Jo Ann Fries at (512) 303-9505, e-mail Joannwoolf@aol.com or visit the club's Web site at [www.io.com/~zenteer/crw/](http://www.io.com/~zenteer/crw/).

### San Antonio Walk

The Randolph Roadrunners volksmarch club will host a 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) and 5-kilometer walk in north central San Antonio Feb. 6. The walk starts at the AmeriSuites Hotel, 7615 Jones Maltsberger Road, and the start time is between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m., finish by 3 p.m. The walk route will follow trails through attractive, established and newer neighborhoods. For more information, call Ellen Ott at 525-8574, e-mail [ellenotter@cs.com](mailto:ellenotter@cs.com) or visit the club's Web site at [www.geocities.com/randolphroadrunners/](http://www.geocities.com/randolphroadrunners/).

### Re-enactment at the Alamo

The public is invited to attend a free re-enactment of General Twiggs' historic 1861 surrender in front of the Alamo. A living history encampment will be set up in Alamo Plaza Feb. 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the surrender will be recreated by more than 150 military history re-enactors at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sam Houston, General David Twiggs, Ben McCulloch, Sam Maverick and Robert E. Lee are just a few of the historical figures that will be portrayed. For more information, call Rudy Krisch III at 736-0924 or Ian Straus at [istraus@texas.net](mailto:istraus@texas.net).

### Fort Sam Houston Rainbow Kids

The Fort Sam Houston Rainbow Kids are ready to present outstanding entertainment for people of all ages throughout the San Antonio area. The non-profit group presents free programs ranging from 30 minutes to more than an hour at schools, churches, community and military events, youth and senior centers, shopping malls and patriotic events. The shows include full costuming and a professional sound system. For more information or to schedule a performance, call Ron Joy at 295-2093 or (830) 980-7786, e-mail [rj96707@yahoo.com](mailto:rj96707@yahoo.com) or visit [www.geocities.com/azrainbowkids](http://www.geocities.com/azrainbowkids).

### Scholarships for Military Children

There's still time to submit an application to the Scholarships for Military Children program. The deadline for the \$1,500 scholarships is Feb. 16 and all applications must be delivered to the commissary by the close of business that day. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants. The application can be downloaded through a link at <http://www.commissaries.com> or downloaded directly from <http://www.militaryscholar.org> and filled out by hand or on the computer. Copies of the application are also available at commissaries worldwide. Additional instructions can be found on the application or at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

### Historic Fort Sam tour

The Fort Sam Houston Officer and Civilian Spouses' Club sponsors a Tour

of Homes on historic Fort Sam Houston April 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Advanced tickets may be purchased for \$10 Feb. 17 in front of the PX Saturday and Tuesday in front of the commissary. Tickets may be purchased the day of the tour for \$12 at the Stilwell House. For more information, call Betty Kotoriy at 545-0815.

### Pinewood Derby

Cub Scout Pack 23 will sponsor its annual Pinewood Derby Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center. For more information, call Barry England at 223-9196.

### Army Chorale performance

The U.S. Army Chorale will perform Feb. 12 at Laurie Auditorium, Trinity University, 715 Stadium Drive, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The concert will feature the best of popular and country music from yesterday and today, and will include original patriotic arrangements. The U.S. Army Chorale is stationed in Washington, D.C. and is recognized as the premier vocal entertainment ensemble of the U.S. Army. The event is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call Joe Cavanagh at 221-3185 or e-mail [joseph.cavanagh@sam-houston.army.mil](mailto:joseph.cavanagh@sam-houston.army.mil).

### Fiesta tickets on sale

Tickets are now on sale for bleachers along the routes of the three major Fiesta parades. For more information, call 227-5191, 227-4837, 822-2929 or visit [www.fiesta-sa.org](http://www.fiesta-sa.org).

## Volunteer

### Caremobile drivers needed

Caremobile drivers work four hours a week using an electric cart to transport patients from the Brooke Army Medical Center parking area to the entrance of the hospital. Walking the distance of the large parking area in the heat or rain is often difficult for a parent with a sick child, patients undergoing cancer treatments, orthopedic patients and the elderly. If you would like to transport grateful patients, call the Office of Volunteer Services at 916-5083

## Professional Development

### Master's degree in 12 Months

The National Graduate School of Quality Management is now accepting applications for a master's program scheduled to start in March. Classes will be one night a week from 6 to 10 p.m. at Fort Sam Houston. Students will earn a M.S. in Quality Systems Management. Master's business project replaces thesis. The institution is regionally accredited, nationally recognized and eligible for VA/TA benefits. For more information, call (800) 838-2580, 410-9147 or 213-1248 or visit [www.ngs.edu](http://www.ngs.edu).

### NCOA Job Fair

The NCO Association Job Fair will be at the Live Oak Civic Center Feb. 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The job fair targets transitioning military personnel, but is also open to the public. It is a great resource for military personnel who are either retired or separating from the military and

is provided as a free service to job seekers by the NCOA.

### Military comptroller symposium

The Alamo City Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptroller will host its 2005 Professional Development Symposium Feb. 7 to 8 at Retama Park. The theme for this year's symposium is Fiscal Fitness. The cost is \$125 for members, \$175 for non-members, \$100 for one-day attendance, and \$15 each day to attend lunch-time speakers only. Certified Defense Financial Manager testing will be available both days. For more information, call Jane Keller at DSN 240-5324 or 536-5324 or e-mail at [jane.keller@brooks.af.mil](mailto:jane.keller@brooks.af.mil).

### Warrant officers needed

The U.S. Army is looking for highly motivated Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen to fill its warrant officer ranks. Positions are open in all 45 specialties for those who qualify. Applicants with less than 12 years active federal service are encouraged to apply. For more information and forms/documents required to apply, visit the Web site: [www.usarec.army.mil/warrant](http://www.usarec.army.mil/warrant) or call DSN 536-0484/0458/0488/0478/0271/1860. The toll free number is 1-800-223-3735, ext. 6 and the last four of the phone number.

### Degree plans for Army health career specialists

Soldiers interested in advancing their careers in physical therapy and nutrition care can earn their degrees through the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges Army Degrees program. SOCAD programs allow Soldiers to earn credit toward an associate or bachelor's degree for Army training and military occupational specialty experience. SOCAD will also suggest alternatives for meeting the remaining degree requirements. Soldiers with MOS 91W, physical therapy specialist, and MOS 91M, nutrition care specialist, can visit the SOCAD Web sites at <http://www.soc.aascu.org/socad/91W.html> and <http://www.soc.aascu.org/socad/91M.html> for more information. They may also call 1-800-368-5622 or e-mail [socad@aascu.org](mailto:socad@aascu.org).

### Job search assistance

The Employment Readiness Program offers job search assistance to family members. Services include job search, resume writing, interview preparation, skills testing and more. For more information or to make an appointment, call Katja Lunsford at 221-0427 or Josie Gonzales at 221-0516. A valid military family member ID card is required.

### St. Mary's University counselor

St. Mary's University will have a counselor available at the Education Services Center, Bldg. 2248, upstairs daily in Room 206, from 9 to 11 a.m. To learn more about the master of arts in Educational Leadership program and teacher certification, call 226-3360 and schedule an appointment.

### Free computer training

Family members of active duty or retired Army service members may receive computer training to prepare them for the job market through the Employment Readiness Program. Automated, self-paced training is available

on all Microsoft Office software (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint), Windows, Outlook, QuickBooks (accounting), customer service, clerical and typing skills (typing instruction also available in Spanish). For more information or to register for computer space, call Katja Lunsford at 221-0427.

### Homeland security course

The Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute offers a Homeland Security Medical Executive Course from June 13 to 17. The course will be conducted at the Omni Hotel at South Park in Austin, (512) 383-2602. For course information, call Tech. Sgt. Stuart at 221-2434 or DSN 471-2434. For registration and other course information, visit DMRTI's Web site at <http://www.DMRTI.army.mil>.

## Meetings

### Association seeks members

The Alamo Silver Wings Airborne Association, VFW 9186, seeks members for their organization. Join the spirit and tradition of airborne. Meetings are every third Thursday. For more information, call Joe Turella at 657-0028.

### Purple Heart veterans sought

Purple Heart veterans are invited to join the meeting of Military Order of the Purple Heart on the first Saturday of every month at 9 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center to learn more about combat-related entitlements and claims benefits. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Bring your DD Form 214 and a short biography.

### SMA seeks new members

The Fort Sam Houston Sergeants Major Association meets every third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Sam Houston Club. Army retired Sgt. Maj. Hector Viczaino, president of the association, invites all active duty and retired command sergeants major, sergeants major and master sergeants on the promotion list from all service branches to attend the meetings. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Tracey James at 221-7495 or Sgt. Maj. Jeff Lavender at 221-7674.

### Lone Star Chapter

The Lone Star Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association meets on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at VFW Post #8541, 2222 Austin Highway (between Eisenhower and Walzem Road). All active duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard and family members of current or former warrant officers are invited to attend. For more information, call Chief Warrant Officer Matthew Watterson at 295-8773 or e-mail [matthew.watterson@us.army.mil](mailto:matthew.watterson@us.army.mil).

### BOSS seeks single Soldiers

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meet the first and third Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at the Hacienda Recreation Center. The BOSS committee was established to provide Soldiers' input to the commander, who uses the committee's recommendations to improve single Soldiers' Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Edward Castro at 221-8760.

# FORT FREEBIES

Freebies are published on a first-come, first-served basis. Commercial advertisements are prohibited. The deadline is noon Monday. Freebies are intended for personal household goods and privately owned property, and may only be submitted by active, retired or reserve component military members and civilian employees working on Fort Sam Houston. To submit paid classified ads or commercial advertising, call Prime Time at 453-3300. To submit a Fort Freebie, e-mail to news.leader@samhouston.army.mil or fax to 221-1198. Ensure your military and Fort Sam Houston civil service status, phone number and name appear on request. Limit of five items per entry.



**For Sale:** Designer off-white couch, 7 by 3 feet, \$150; Cannon Multipass L600 laser all in one printer, fax, copier and scanner, \$175; Dell monitor, 21-inch, in excellent condition, \$175 obo. Call Tracey at 832-8482 or 862-3071.

**For Sale:** Beautiful large beige sofa bed with colored and matching soft pillows and formal green French chair for formal family or living room, excellent condition, \$250. Call Jerry Gonzales at 490-3048.

**For Sale:** Lounge and deck chair, all metal with adjacent back rest and wheels, excellent condition, \$55; field jacket medium long, \$40. Call Cesar Jurado at 657-6264.

**For Sale:** Two Ball Pythons 4-foot female, 3 1/2-foot male, 4 by 2 1/2 foot mesh cage with accessories, \$350. Call 590-2126 or 279-7007.

**For Sale:** Medium Dogloo doghouse, \$20; new 42-inch white Woodbridge ceiling fan, \$20; used 42-inch white ceiling fan, \$10; 24-inch dark walnut bookcase with hutch, fair condition; \$20; Lack's twin solid pine trundle wood frame only, without mattress,

\$30. Call Sgt. 1st Class Arturo at 564-0767.

**For Sale:** Goodyear Eagle GT II tires, size P255-60-R15, brand new, never mounted, \$300 for set of four; Goodyear Eagle RH, size P225-70-R15, used as spare for 100 miles, asking \$50. Call Fred at 494-8401.

**For Sale:** Two exercise bicycles, one Vitamaster 67G Dual Action Electronic with speed, distance, pulse and calories burned, \$75 or obo; and one Ergometric Fitness Cycle with RMP and other readouts, \$50 obo; four black and chrome bar stools, need reupholstering, \$50 obo. Call 653-6244.

**For Sale:** Off-white love seat and couch with matching lamps, coffee table and two side tables in cherry wood finish, only 18 months old, \$225. Call Brigitte Patton at 656-5046.

**Free:** Mini Pincher, 1 year old in February, semi potty trained, a wonderful lap dog, loves to sleep under the covers, all shots. Call Heather Saenz at 453-3345 or ext.1047.

**For Sale:** New Fox soprano saxophone with two necks, \$1,300 obo. Call

1st Sgt. Blaine at 232-0451.

**For Sale:** Baldwin electric piano, looks and plays like a regular piano but no tunings needed, relatively light weight, turns on and off and has optional headphones, \$150. Call Jennifer at 637-5538.

**For Sale:** Adorable JRTCA & AKC Registered Jack Russell Terrier puppies, 10 weeks old, one female, six males, have first set of shots and wormed, \$250 and up. Call Tammy Pettigrew at 226-4569 (leave message).

**For Sale:** 2001 Pewter Chevrolet Z71 extended cab, 56K, full warranty (eight years, 100K), \$18,000; art, signed and numbered prints unframed: The Commander and First Sergeant by Don Stivers, \$2,400; antique oak serpentine chest, \$275; Rosenthal Pompadour Moss Rose china, eight settings plus many extra serving pieces, \$1,300; 1995 Palomino roll up truck camper like new, \$2,200. Call Harlan Blake at 497-8139 or 386-0373.

**For Sale:** 2001 Featherlite utility trailer, 4 feet, 6 inches by 8 feet, all aluminum,

open top with removable sides, 2,000 pound GVWR, fold down, drive-up ramp, great for ATV, motorcycles or lawnmowers. \$1,000. Call Phillip Swanger at 945-4778 or cell 843-3584.

**For Sale:** Mustang Recaro, dual power lumbar seats, front and back, like new, \$1,100; Mustang IBOC progressive rate lowering springs, \$125. Call Brian 363-6851.

**For Sale:** Five-year-old, two-story house in Timberwood Park, four bedrooms, three and a half baths, heated pool and spa, deck, formal dining, half acre park like yard, also community pool, lake, tennis courts, golf course and much more. Call Ron Joy at (830) 980-7786.

**For Sale:** Oakwell Farms gated community near Fort Sam, three bedroom, two and a half bath with study, covered patio, nice yard, community pool and tennis courts. Call 824-4770.

**For Sale:** Scenic lot overlooking the Hill Country at Medina Lake Shores, 45 minutes northwest of San Antonio in Bandera. Call Staff Sgt. Velasquez Paul at 349-0373.